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SUBJECT: GREEK PRESS PLAY OF EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS

DELIBERATIONS ON CYPRUS

1. THE WEEKEND PRESS PAID SIGNIFICANT ATTENTION TO THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING HELD IN VENICE. SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS GIVEN ON SEPTEMBER 13 TO INFORMATION ATTRIBUTED TO GERMAN DELEGATION SOURCES TO THE EFFECT THAT THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAD AGREED TO THE NEED TO SETTLE THE CYPRUS QUESTION BEFORE THE SOUTHEAST WING OF NATO WAS DESTROYED, AND TO DO SO IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO CALL ON TURKEY TO WITHDRAW FROM THAT PORTION OF CYPRUS WHICH IT OCCUPIED IN THE AREA OF FAMAGUSTA IN EXCHANGE FOR A RESUMPTION OF US MILITARY AID. FOR THIS PLAN TO BE SUCCESSFUL, THE "LEAKED" INFORMATION SUGGESTED THAT A RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE MADE TO THE AMERICAN CONGRESS TO REMOVE ITS BAN ON WEAPONS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY AND THAT A

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SIMILAR RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE MADE TO THE GREEK GOVERNMENT

TO FACILITATE THIS BY "PERMITTING" (SIC) CONGRESS TO LIFT  
THE EMBARGO.

2. SUNDAY'S (SEPTEMBER 14) NEWS ACCOUNTS CONTINUED TO PLAY  
ON THE SAME THEME BUT BEGAN INTRODUCING A CAUTIONARY NOTE  
THAT NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT HAD YET BEEN ISSUED BY THE EC-9  
ON THE MATTER. IN FACT IT WAS NOTED THAT ITALIAN FOREIGN  
MINISTER RUMOR HAD MADE NO MENTION OF ANY SUCH EC-9  
DECISION IN HIS STATEMENTS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE  
EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. AT LEAST ONE AFTERNOON  
NEWSPAPER ON SEPTEMBER 15 STATED THAT ANY VIEWS AND  
INITIATIVES OF THE EC ON THIS MATTER WOULD CERTAINLY BE  
CRYSTALIZED WITHIN THE COMING WEEK ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE  
FACT THAT FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING WOULD BE PAYING AN  
OFFICIAL VISIT TO GREECE AT THAT TIME.

3. MEANWHILE, A KEY OPPOSITION LEADER (CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES)  
AND STRONG SUPPORTER OF GREECE'S ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY,  
JOHN PESMAZOGLOU (WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE GREEK  
DELEGATION TO THE MIXED EC-GREECE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE),  
ISSUED A STATEMENT EXPRESSING HIS SURPRISE AT THE REPORTS  
COMING OUT OF THE VENICE MEETING. IF THE INFORMATION IS  
CORRECT, HE SAID, THAT THE EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTER DECIDED TO  
SEEK THE LIFTING OF THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO BY THE U.S.  
CONGRESS, IT GOES AGAINST THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE  
COMMUNITY...OF JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL  
ORDER.  
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